



Office Memorandum

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Subject: Review of Proposed Rules of the State Department of Employment and Economic
Development Governing Rehabilitation Services to the Blind and Visually Impaired;
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BACKGROUND

The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) proposes to amend rules governing rehabilitation services to the blind and visually impaired. DEED provides services to individuals utilizing state and federal funds. The amendments include clarifications of terms and processes, corrections to oversights for clarity, and additions of current practice and policies to the rule. DEED convened an advisory group to review the proposed rule amendments.

EVALUATION

On behalf of the Commissioner of Management & Budget, I have reviewed the proposed rule and related SONAR. There may be a small fiscal impact to DEED due to clarifications related to certified mail. The rules only apply to DEED's State Services for the Blind; no other governmental entity has authority or responsibility in this area. Local units of government have no authority or responsibility to provide rehabilitation services.

Based upon the information provided to me by the Department of Employment and Economic development, there does not appear to be significant costs to local units of government.

cc: Angela Vogt, Budget Division Team Leader